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## bombs rock Iraqi Beirut offices

IT, April 14 (R) — Two bombs rocked the Iraqi commercial and Iraqi Airways offices here today, causing material damage but no casualties, security sources reported. A caller to Reuters said the "Iraqi Mujahideen Organisation" was responsible for the blasts. On April 2, the organisation claimed responsibility for a grenade attack the previous day at a Baghdad meeting, in which Iraqi Deputy Premier Tareq Aziz was and three students died in hospital of their wounds. Iraqi leaders of being behind the grenade attack and on a funeral of two of the students who died in it. The two stores in West Beirut were also the target of bomb attacks which caused only material damage.

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## Regional Briefs

IT, April 14 (AP) — The United Arab Emirates minister of culture, Sheikh Ahmad Bin Hamed today denied newspaper reports that the U.A.E. had granted facilities in of Dubai to U.S. naval forces. "The report is groundless," Ahmad said in an interview with Al Anbaa, another local paper. The newspaper Al Watan reported yesterday that U.E. foreign minister, Mr. Ahmad Khalifa Al Suwaidi, in protest against the granting of port facilities to the States fleet. The resignation report has not been confirmed by any other source. "The country's foreign and defence policy is formulated by the federation's higher council chaired by Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, and there is no room for any among the emirates," Sheikh Ahmad said.

VIV, April 14 (R) — Israel's foreign debt rose significantly today, according to figures published today by the finance ministry. It now totals \$14.9 billion, a 16.5 per cent increase over previous year. Eighty-four per cent of the debt is made up of loans and the rest German mark loans. The massive rise in Israel's foreign debt last year shows that the country's devaluing currency has not sufficiently helped to promote exports.

AN, April 14 (Agencies) — The scheduled trip to Libya by Iranian Imam Musa Sadr has been postponed, the Iranian news agency Pars indicated today. The five-member mission, led by former Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Yazdi, was supposed to travel to Rome Wednesday for a stay before proceeding to Libya. Imam Sadr, leader of the Shi'ite Muslim community, disappeared in August while on a trip to Libya. Libya insisted that the Imam and companions had left Libya on an Italian airliner. Pars said Dr. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini Sunday that due to important national matters and the sensitive situation in Iran, the visit to Libya in these circumstances "was not

April 14 (R) — Guerrillas in Oman's southern Dhofar said yesterday they killed or wounded five Omani government troops for the loss of one of their own men in a 20-minute battle at the end of last month. The communiqué issued by the office of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFO) was the first for several months. It said the battle was on the hills of eastern Dhofar. The PFO started a guerrilla war against the Omani government in the 1960s. But in 1975 Sultan Qaboos Bin Said declared the revolt crushed after he sent thousands of troops to help the Omani government forces.

NKI, April 14 (R) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Saddam al-Hakim has reiterated his government's intention of blacklisting companies whose directors are known to include Zionists. Ahmad, who was scheduled to meet Finnish Prime Minister Koivisto here today, said in a newspaper interview that an international blacklist of companies whose directors were Zionists. "Iraq does not need the services of companies whose chiefs include Zionists," he was quoted as saying in Helsinki. Sanomat, Finland's biggest daily. Mr. Ham comments followed complaints to the Finnish government which leaders who protested last week about a letter from the embassy here to Finnish companies asking whether there were Zionists among their directors or shareholders. The Finnish ministry, which summoned Iraqi Ambassador Saleh Amash to discuss the matter last Friday, has said it cannot episode closed. The comment was widely read here as indicating that the companies were not expected to respond to the embassy's inquiry.

IT, April 14 (R) — United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mansur Oteiba arrived in Bonn today for talks with government officials which are expected to centre on West Germany's oil. During the visit, Dr. Oteiba, who is on a four-day visit, will meet Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Economics Minister Otto Hoff. Besides energy issues, talks would include recent events in the Middle East and economic cooperation in the UAE and West Germany. An economics ministry spokesman said. The spokesman dismissed as speculation that Germany would be asking the UAE for more oil in future. Official Emirates News Agency said Dr. Oteiba would hand a letter from UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Ali Nahayan on bilateral relations and cooperation between the UAE and the nine-nation European Economic Community.

JT, April 14 (R) — South Yemeni Premier Ali Nasser Ahmad was quoted as saying there were no Soviet or Cuban bases in South Yemen, but he confirmed the presence of Cuban and East German advisers. In an interview with the daily As Safir published yesterday, Mr. Mohammad was about reports that the Soviet Union had established bases in Yemen, which concluded a formal friendship pact with the last year. "There have been no bases or foreign military in Aden," he said. "(But)... we have Soviet advisers, and (East) Germans."

O, April 14 (R) — Egypt will get advanced F-16 fighters and tanks from the United States under a two billion dollar arms package, Egyptian Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said in an interview published today. The number of aircraft and the quantity of arms Egypt needs are being discussed at meetings in Washington. Mr. Ali told the semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram today. The minister, who is in Washington for a medical check, contract setting out details of the arms sale would be signed today. Al-Ahram said Gen. Ali would meet the U.S. defence secretary, Mr. Harold Brown on Wednesday to discuss the deal. U.S. assistant secretary of defence, Mr. David McGiffert, visit Egypt for more discussions. The U.S. administration did to the arms package in principle in February, subject to congressional approval. The arms sales are in addition to \$1.5 billion in military aid the United States provided for older Pharoahs and other equipment after the signing of the peace treaty with Israel last year.

ASCUS, April 14 (R) — Syria and Bulgaria began talks on mutual cooperation in all fields, officials said. Bulgarian Prime Minister Andrei Lukanov, who arrived here today for a five-day official visit, was in discussion with Syrian Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Abdul Qader Qaddoura. Bulgaria, Lukanov told reporters, supported efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace based on total Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and the right of Palestinians to set up their own independent state.

YO, April 14 (R) — Visiting Tunisian Youth and Sports Minister Hedi Zghal today asked Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira to extend economic aid to the North African country, sources said. Mr. Ohira told Mr. Zghal, visiting Japan special envoy of Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, that Japanese government would study what kind of economic aid it could extend to Tunisia, the sources said. The Tunisian minister of the prime minister on his country's strained relations with Japan since last January's clashes between Libyan forces and guerrillas in the mining town of Gafsa, the sources said.

## SCF leaders to consider oil embargo against U.S.

TRIPOLI, April 14 (R) — Five hardline Arab leaders seeking to undermine Egypt's peace treaty with Israel today discussed plans for an oil embargo against the United States and ways of tightening the economic screws on Egypt.

Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi and Algerian President Chadli Ben Jedid have agreed in principle to impose an oil and gas sales ban on countries which actively support Israel, a Libyan spokesman said.

The two heads of state are taking part in a summit conference of the "steadfastness and confrontation front" which groups Algeria, the Libyan Jamahiriyyah, Syria, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Conference sources said the front was studying ways of strengthening the Arab economic boycott of Egypt. It would probably announce measures against Arab states which have maintained links with Cairo since, they said.

The conference is the fourth since the front was formed in 1977. Conference sources said they did not expect a communiqué until tomorrow.

The Libyan spokesman said Col. Qaddafi and Mr. Ben Jedid were still working out exact details of their oil and gas embargo, which would affect mainly the United States and some European countries.

Conference sources said the five leaders had agreed to send an envoy to North Yemen to discuss whether Senaa would join the front. Yesterday North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh sent a cable to the summit saying he would support the front's resolutions.



The prime minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, is welcomed by Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz upon arrival at Riyadh Airport Sunday for a two-day visit. (AP wirephoto)

## Prime minister ends visit to Saudi Arabia

AMMAN, April 14 (Agencies) — The prime minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf returned home today from a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency (JNA) upon returning to Amman, Sharif Abdul Hamid said that the visit was "successful" and that his talks with Saudi leaders were characterised by "an atmosphere of brotherhood and complete understanding."

He said he delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein to King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, which dealt with "bilateral relations, the situation in the Arab World, international issues, means of strengthening Arab steadfastness and scopes for joint Arab action on the international level."

During his visit, the prime minister held talks with Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz and other leading officials on "the various aspects of the Arab situation" and "joint Arab action in the service of the Palestinian issue," JNA said.

Last night, Sharif Abdul Hamid received at the guest palace in Riyadh, where he was staying, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal. This morning he met for two hours with Prince Fahd.

Sharif Abdul Hamid was accompanied on the visit by Mr. Ali Suheimat, the minister of state, who is also minister of transport, and Mr. Marwan Al Qusem, the minister of state for foreign affairs.

In a statement to the official Saudi Press Agency yesterday, the prime minister stressed "Jordan's adherence to a unified Arab stand in regards to the basic and inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including its right to self-determination and the necessity for complete Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, in the forefront of which is occupied Arab Jerusalem."

He stressed Jordan's support for decisions adopted by the Baghdad and Tunis Arab summit conference, which formulated Arab strategy following Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace overtures to Israel in 1977.

## Europe reacts to Carter's 'deadline' for imposing sanctions against Iran

TEHRAN, April 14 (Agencies) — An International Red Cross official and a doctor today visited American hostages at the U.S. embassy as envoys of European Common Market countries flew home for consultations.

The diplomats left amid growing pressure by the United States on its western allies to impose diplomatic and economic sanctions on Iran in an effort to secure the hostages' release.

Mr. Harald Schmid de Grueneck, the Red Cross permanent representative in Tehran, entered the embassy compound at 1 p.m. on a promise by militant students occupying it that he could see all of the estimated 49 hostages.

It was apparently the first time a foreigner was being allowed to see all the hostages since they were seized on Nov. 4 in support of demands for the extradition of the deposed Shah who is now in Egypt.

A student spokesman told reporters Mr. Schmid de Grueneck, accompanied by Tehran spiritual leader Hojatolislam Mohammad Ali Khamene'i, Iranian Health Minister Mousa Zargar and an official of Iran's

equivalent of the Red Cross, was seeing the hostages one by one.

A Red Cross doctor flown in especially from Geneva, Dr. Bernard Liebeskind, and two Iranian doctors also took part in the inspection visit.

The envoys of Britain, Denmark, Italy and the Netherlands flew out of Tehran this morning. Those of Belgium, France and Ireland, as well as Japan, were expected to follow within the next 24 hours.

The West German ambassador was not expected to travel to Bonn before the weekend. An embassy spokesman said he was taken ill yesterday with a high fever.

Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr told the envoys last Saturday the hostages' fate could only be decided by the yet-to-be-elected Iranian parliament, which is not expected to discuss the issue before June.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials said in Washington today President Carter may order new sanctions against Iran next week unless the Tehran government acts to secure the release of the hostages.

Mr. Carter, who severed relations with Iran a week ago and embargoed all exports except food

and medicine, plans further economic and political measures. But officials said he had not ruled out military action if necessary.

The United States gave its main allies until April 21, when the foreign ministers of the nine-member European Economic Community are to meet, to react to the president's request that they should break relations and impose economic sanctions against Iran.

Meanwhile West European governments expressed puzzlement today at President Carter's "deadline" for them to join in economic sanctions against Iran.

Official sources in most European capitals said they had received no specific date for a decision.

Only British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Mr. Carter's most enthusiastic supporter of tough action on both Iran and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, signalled a quick formal reaction.

Mrs. Thatcher told the House of Commons: "Our job is to show our support to the American people and to President Carter."

But she said Mr. Carter had not given Britain any deadline by which to make a decision. "We

have not been set a date by which our American allies want us to act," she said.

West German government spokesman Klaus Boelling told a press conference in Bonn today that West Germany had not been notified by Washington of any deadline for allied sanctions, but recognised the need for urgency. "We will do everything in our power to ensure a common EEC position," Mr. Boelling said.

Today, official French sources said the French government remains convinced that international interests would not be served by breaking relations with Iran or boycotting the Moscow Olympics.

The sources said France was not even considering a break in relations and officials felt President Carter's hard position would serve only to divide Western Europe and the United States.

In Rome, Italian Premier Francesco Cossiga today expressed full solidarity with American efforts to free the hostages but did not spell out what he might do.

He told parliament in a policy speech presenting the programme of his new government that Italy and the eight other EEC members would work out a joint policy on the hostages.

U.S. ideas for dealing with these

## 'Act of hostility' against U.N. forces U.N. to condemn Israel's incursion into S. Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, April 14 (R) — A proposal to the Security Council to condemn Israel's latest incursion into

southern Lebanon as an "act of hostility" against U.N. forces in the region was circulated today.

Prepared as a working paper, it could become a formal resolution later.

The text would have the council call for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops and for an end to "all direct and indirect Israeli military action against the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon."

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim told the council at a hastily summoned 15-minute meeting yesterday he had reports the Israeli troops, which entered Lebanon last Wednesday, had pulled out.

The situation in the area remained tense, however, officials said. Harassment of U.N. troops by the Israeli-backed Lebanese right-wing militia led by Maj. Saad Haddad reached a climax last Saturday, when U.N. headquarters at Naqoura was attacked.

A Fijian soldier was killed, communications lines were cut, and four helicopters were destroyed, Dr. Waldheim reported.

Addressing the council when it resumed debate today, the secretary general said the U.N. force, UNIFIL, was unable to confirm the extent of Israeli withdrawal because its freedom of movement was severely restricted.

Mr. Ghassan Tuani, the chief delegate of Lebanon, told the

council that the Lebanese chief of staff had offered Lebanese troops to be moved to Al Tiri, a few kilometres north of the Israeli border.

He said that his would not only assert Lebanon's sovereignty, but was an important development in that the Lebanese army was acquiring a new dimension as a peacekeeping force, standing side by side with international troops.

Mr. Tuani said there was reason to doubt that Israel's withdrawal was real and total.

Measures must be taken to end once and for all the intolerable situation on the Lebanese border, which was at the mercy of Israeli actions, Mr. Tuani said.

Turning to the Haddad forces,

known in the U.N. as "de facto forces," he said that, whatever the origins, they now were an accessory of Israeli occupation. Their actions were inadmissible and constituted a dangerous form of treason.

Mr. Jacques Leprette, chief delegate of France, deplored the Israeli intervention, which he termed an inadmissible infringement of Lebanese sovereignty, a violation of the U.N. charter and of U.N. resolutions. He also condemned the actions of the Haddad forces.

The French delegate praised the Irish contingent of UNIFIL for standing up to harassment sympathised with Fiji in the loss of the Fijian soldier.

## U.S. hopes to get Begin to speed autonomy talks

WASHINGTON, April 14 (R) — U.S. officials were hopeful today that President Carter would convince Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to agree to new procedures to speed up negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

Mr. Begin will hold up to six hours of talks with President Carter in Washington tomorrow and on Wednesday.

In talks with President Carter last week, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat agreed tentatively to three procedural steps in the negotiations on self-rule for 1.2 million Palestinians on the West Bank of Jordan and Gaz which Israel has occupied since the 1967 Middle East war.

The three steps were: —Israel and Egypt would hold non-stop ministerial talks in Washington from late this month, until the May 26 target date set by the two countries last year.

— If real progress towards a self-rule agreement was made by May 26, the talks could run on for several more months.

— Some issues such as Israeli security, the most difficult problem in the talks, might be reserved for later negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians to determine the final status of the West Bank and Gaza.

Although the Carter-Begin talks will touch on the major disagreements, U.S. officials did not expect to be able to announce substantive progress at this time. But officials hoped that considerable progress would be made in the intensified ministerial talks.

Apart from the question of security, the major unresolved issues in the negotiations were the future of Israeli settlements, the powers of a self-governing authority, water rights and voting rights for Arabs living in occupied Jerusalem.

American officials have begun expressing cautious optimism on the two main problems — assuring Israel's security and convincing Palestinians to take part in the self-rule negotiations.

U.S. ideas for dealing with these

issues have not yet been made public, but one Middle East expert outside the State Department who has seen them said the suggestions could bridge the Egyptian-Israeli differences.

Mr. Begin said before leaving for Washington today he was confident he could reach agreement with President Carter on Palestinian autonomy if all sides remained faithful to the U.S.-Israeli-Egyptian Camp David accord.

Mr. Begin told a press conference at Ben Gurion air base: "We are certain we will reach a May 26 target date, but I see no reason why anyone should go beyond an international agreement."

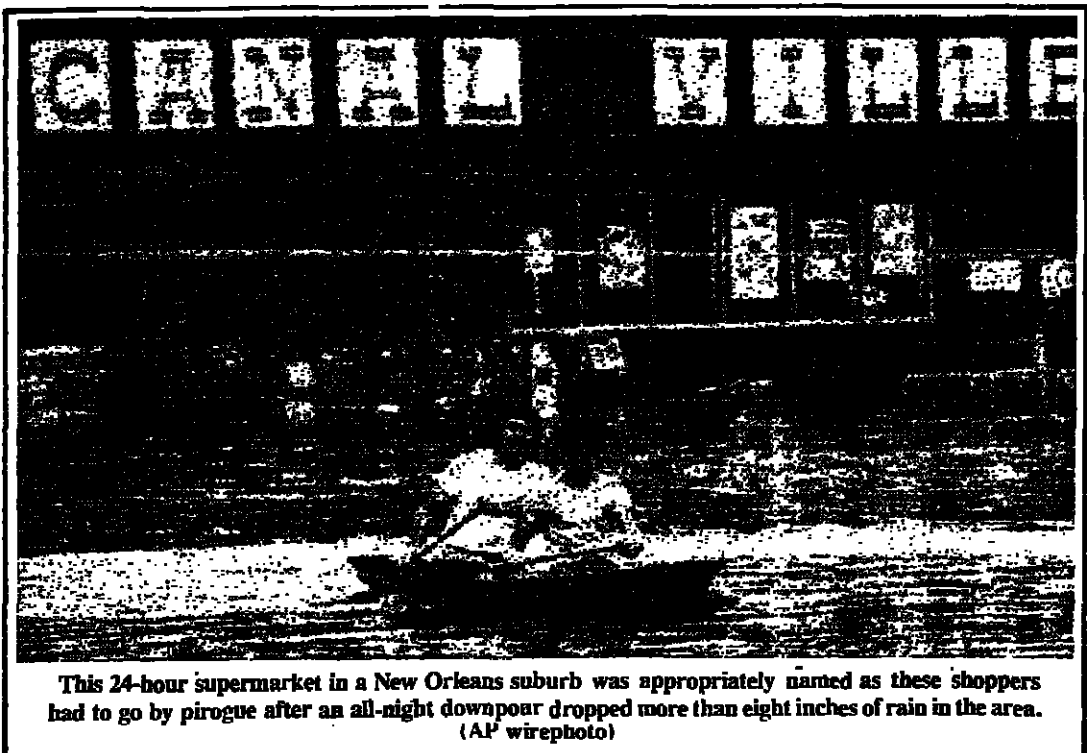
He said Israel had authorised its delegation to the talks on self-rule to clarify with President Carter where and when further talks should take place.

He added that Israel supported the idea of speeding up the talks provided all parties carried out the 1978 Camp David agreement.

Mr. Begin said he saw no reason for any temporary freeze of Jewish settlement building in the occupied territories while the talks were going on. "Settlement is our inalienable right, our duty and essential to our security," he said.

The Israeli cabinet yesterday authorised Mr. Begin to discuss proposals concerning the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks during his meetings with President Carter.

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## Withholding tax

SEVEN PEOPLE hardly constitutes a taxpayers' revolt, but nevertheless we were cheered by a news item yesterday that seven prominent Americans have launched a campaign against the inordinate amount of their money -- and every other taxpayer's -- which the U.S. government squanders annually on Israel.

The magnificent seven, who include Professor Edward Said of Columbia University, Dr. Hisham Sharabi of Georgetown University and the Rev. Frederick Douglass Kirkpatrick, chairman of the Black Theology Project, have withheld \$37 each from their 1979 federal income taxes (which fall due today). They say that is equivalent to the amount that every American taxpayer contributed in aid to Israel last year. That figure, they add, represents more per capita than the U.S. taxpayer contributed to his own government for public transport, urban renewal, higher education or alternative energy research.

We hope this mini-campaign will catch on in the U.S., where there is already substantial (if still smouldering) resentment among the populace over the amount by which Americans are being asked to underwrite Begin's mystical dreams about a Greater Israel (not to mention Anwar Sadat's bid to restore the glory of the pharaohs).

Israel has asked the U.S. administration for funds in 1981 which will bring total U.S. aid to Israel to more than \$20 billion since the 1973 war alone -- a period during which the Israelis have occupied large areas of Arab territory, imprisoned and tortured the inhabitants of that territory, blown up their houses and expelled them from their homeland.

Concerned Americans know that an increase in American assistance (probably rendered in the name of keeping the "Middle East peace process" alive) will insulate Israel from any U.S. attempts that might by some miracle be made to force an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories in compliance with United Nations resolutions to which the U.S. is morally committed!

Israel's backers in the U.S., including in this specific case Senator Edward Kennedy, cite as a rationale for increased American aid the fact that Israel is suffering from an annual inflation rate of 100 per cent or more; they say the aid must be adjusted to keep pace with that inflation, which, as the National Association of Arab Americans has told Senator Kennedy, "does not say much for your understanding of economics or of the American taxpayer." Factors in Israel's economic position (if that's what U.S. taxpayers care about) are its insistence on living beyond its means on American largesse, as well as its need to "defend" the occupied territories against their rightful owners, the NAAA points out.

So the circle goes. We are happy to see some U.S. taxpayers who want out of this absurd spiral.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'Y: Although U.S. President Jimmy Carter's firm tone in his statement on Sunday may have been meant mainly to serve domestic political purposes, Europe definitely responded to these American words of warning. The reaction is represented by the recalling of most European ambassadors in Tehran -- and the heated political activity in which they engaged before departing -- and the likelihood of further developments along the same lines.

As for the European stand with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict, the picture is completely different.

The talk of a European initiative, with which people are preoccupied these days, started several years ago. So far, however, it has been mere vague ideas on hopes, which quickly dim at the first collision with the intransigent American stand -- or with the Zionist stand, which is even more intransigent.

It is true that we as Arabs don't have an alliance with Europe to justify our addressing it in the same tone as that of the United States, but it is also true that the magnitude of American interests in our countries and the justice of our cause place us in a position to ask from Europe a clear position and more effective action -- and to make out of this request a test of Europe's will. Upon this test we can base the form of relations we wish to have with Europe from now on.

**AL DUSTOUR:** The dean of the Faculty of Economic and Commerce at the University of Jordan has announced the recommendations of the seminar on the rationalisation of consumption in Jordanian society.

These recommendations constitute an open call to citizens to participate in crystallising new practical patterns and attitudes of consumption, especially while preparing the next five-year development plan.

The seminar's recommendations define self-restraint and what is required of Jordanian households, and how to get rid of the selfish habits which still govern our lives. While the media has a major role to play in nurturing awareness and beliefs which are appropriate to conditions in Jordan, coordination among official and popular information agencies is necessary to direct the nation's consciousness to achieving the country's and the society's goals, especially that of rationalising consumption.

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## W. German team arrives here for 'exchange of views' on Mideast conflict

AMMAN, April 14 (Agencies) -- A 24-man West German parliamentary delegation is here on a five-day visit for discussions with Jordanian government and parliament leaders on Middle East problems.

The delegation is composed of Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and Social Democratic Party (SPD) members of the parliament of the state of Lower Saxony. They are on a fact-finding tour which will take them to the West Bank after their visit here.

The team, which flew in Sunday night, is headed by Mr. Heinz Muller (CDU), speaker of the Lower Saxony parliament. The group will "exchange views with

Jordanian counterparts and officials on the Arab-Israeli conflict," a government spokesman here said.

At a meeting with the President of the National Consultative Council, Mr. Ahmad Tarawneh, today the delegation's leader said his country calls for granting the Palestinian people the right to self-determination. He also said West Germany, along with other European Economic Community countries, should increase aid given to Jordan.

The delegation later called at the Upper House of Parliament and met with its deputy speaker, former prime minister Zaid Rifa'i, with whom they reviewed the Palestine problem.

The delegation was also received by the Mayor of Amman, Mr. Isam Ajlouni, who briefed them on the development of the city and its plans for future programmes. He also called for twinning of Jordanian and West German cities.

The West German team, which includes Mr. Helmut Bosse (CDU), deputy speaker of the Lower Saxony parliament; Prof. Peter von Oertzen (SPD), former minister of education for Lower Saxony; and Mr. Karl Lehnert (SPD), former minister of interior, were hosted to dinner by Mr. Tarawneh. Mr. Rifa'i attended, as did Minister of Social Development In'am Multi and Minister of Information Sa'id Tal.

Tomorrow, the delegation will tour a number of Palestinian refugee camps to look into the work of the teachers, training centres and vocational training institutes of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA).

They will also visit Jarash and meet with Dr. Tal and other Jordanian officials. On Wednesday they will visit Aqaba before going on to the West Bank.

## Jordan asks US to intercede in Abu 'Ein case

AMMAN, April 14 (JT) -- Jordan today requested the United States to release the detained 19-year-old Palestinian student Mr. Ziad Abu 'Ein and to nullify the ruling of a U.S. magistrate's court that he be extradited to Israel for trial.

Jordan's request was made at a meeting between Minister of State Hassan Ibrahim and the U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Nicholas Veliotis.



The extradition order is a violation of international laws and principle, Mr. Ibrahim said. He stressed that the Jordanian government is deeply concerned about the case and will continue its efforts to secure the Palestinian's release.

Mr. Abu 'Ein is held in detention in Chicago, Illinois awaiting extradition.

In December 1979 the magistrate's court ruled that the offence of which Mr. Abu 'Ein is accused -- allegedly planting an explosive device which exploded in Tiberias in May 1979 -- was not of a political character, making him liable to extradition. He has lost one appeal of the case, at the Chicago District Court.

## Jordan asks ILO to stop Israel labour law change

AMMAN, April 14 (JNA) -- Jordan today appealed to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to intervene and stop Israel's tampering with Jordanian labour laws in force in the occupied West Bank.

A cable sent to the ILO's director general urged the organisation to invalidate an Israeli amendment to article 83 of the Jordanian labour law of 1960, which deals with the election of labour unions' administrative committees. The amendment constitutes a blatant violation of the freedom of labour unions in the West Bank, the cable said.

The minister sent a similar cable to the Arab Labour Organisation calling for urgent efforts to invalidate the Israeli amendment and demanding that the case be discussed by the organisation's board meeting, scheduled for April 30.

## Recommendations of consumption rationalisation symposium released

AMMAN, April 14 (JT) -- Recommendations passed by the symposium on Rationalisation of Consumption held April 8-10 at the University of Jordan were released yesterday by Dr. Wadi' Sharaiha, Dr. Sharaiha, dean of the Faculty of Trade and Commerce at the university, organised the conference and is head of the follow-up committee. The conference was initiated by the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf.

The recommendations were prefaced by a list stating the reasons Jordan needs to rationalise consumption, as follows:

### Spending on Consumption

Total spending on consumption represents a very high percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In 1975, it was 108 per cent; in 1979, 90 per cent. This means that savings of both the private and public sectors represent only a very small fraction of GNP. Therefore, financial investment in Jordan has depended on aid, loans and remittances from Jordanians working abroad.

### Imports

The trade deficit has been increasing continuously. It reached JD 460 million in 1979 due to the large amount of imports, which totalled about 550 million that year. Consumer goods account for no less than 40 per cent of these imports.

### Liquidity

The average increase in the money supply during the first four years of the current five-year plan (1976-1979) was 29 per cent a year. Government spending -- including current expenditures

and expenditures on development projects -- was one of the principle causes of this increase. In addition, liquidity has increased because of an increase in the credit facilities extended by banks to the service sector. This sector's share was 62 per cent of all such facilities granted during the five-year plan. The increase in the money supply has caused an increase in aggregate demand which has not been matched by a similar increase in production in real terms.

### Conspicuous Consumption

People with high income have adopted patterns of conspicuous consumption in clothing, food, cars, and houses. This development clearly reflects the extent of the disparity in income distribution among social groups. Such patterns of consumption serve as models which other income groups try to imitate.

### The Jordanian Economic Structure

Despite the aims of the Jordanian socio-economic development plans to increase the share of the directly productive sectors -- agriculture, mining and industry -- in the national economy, the service sector predominates. This fact reflects the lack of commodities produced to meet the needs of society and the necessity of importing from outside these commodities, particularly food and manufactured goods.

The above-mentioned points have brought up the question of the rationalisation of consumption and the need for an assessment of the relation of consumption to other major economic variables such as savings, investment and credit. They call upon us to search for suitable solutions to these aspects of consumption within the framework of a remedial plan for the Jordanian economy as a whole.

In light of the papers presented, the following recommendations aim at tackling the problem of consumption within the framework of the national economy.

With respect to the national economy, it is recommended that Jordan:

- Revise the priorities of the Jordanian economy while developing the next five-year plan.
- Concentrate on developing and increasing the production of goods and commodities in the agricultural, industrial and mining sectors.
- Cut down on public expenditure.
- Encourage domestic savings and direct them towards investment in the productive sector.

E. Encourage the initiatives of the private sector and its effective participation in the development of the Jordanian economy. Emphasise its role in Jordanian development plans by providing a suitable climate for private investment that corresponds with the interests of the national economy.

F. Emphasise the significance of continuing social stability and harmony among various social groups by reducing income disparities and by distributing the gains of development equitably among all citizens and regions.

### II. In fiscal and monetary policy:

A. Revise customs tariffs in a way that will encourage domestic industry, especially in food and basic items.

B. Curb dependency on imported consumer items and raise customs tariffs on luxury goods which have a high social cost.

C. Improve methods of tax collection so that it reaches high income groups.

D. Revise the income tax law to emphasise the importance of the tax and its effectiveness in achieving equitable distribution of the tax burden among taxpayers and in guiding investment in productive ways through exemptions.

E. Absorb surplus liquidity by raising interest rates on deposits. Mobilise savings by encouraging the purchase of government bonds and raising the ratio of monetary reserves to liquidity.

F. Support agricultural credit institutions and direct credit facilities in a way that will increase the share allocated to the productive sectors: agriculture, industry and mining. Reduce interest rates on loans to these sectors.

### III. In the field of commodity pricing policy:

A. Encourage the Jordanian cooperative movement at the production and marketing levels. Enhance the role of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation in establishing parallel markets -- which rely on the principle of competition. Follow up and develop this role so the experiment can attain the efficiency it needs to be established throughout the kingdom.

B. Concentrate on including programmes about consumption in the educational curriculum at all levels of study.

C. Encourage and support scientific studies on consumerist forms, factors that affect it, suitable policies for diverting towards national priorities.

B. Revise government subsidies and restrict them to basic items which constitute a high percent of the consumption of low income groups.

C. Continue controlling prices of basic items and revise it periodically in order to link it with wage levels.

D. Organise the marketing agricultural products by grading fruits and vegetables, standardising containers and implementing suitable pricing policy.

E. Establish societies for consumer protection and for guidance on alternative commodities.

F. Achieve food security increasing agricultural production, applying modern agricultural techniques and introducing new means of packing agricultural goods. Secure adequate stocks agricultural goods in order to limit sudden shortages and to guarantee the provision of commodities.

G. Encourage scientific research with an emphasis applied research in all fields, especially agriculture.

### IV. Other fields:

A. Due to Jordan's total dependence on imported energy and increasing sums allocated for it, it is necessary to rationalise the consumption of energy in all aspects by both the private and public sectors. Encourage research on the most efficient ways to use energy and on available alternatives to petroleum.

B. Emphasise the role of media in the rationalisation of consumption through encouraging the purchase of domestic products, controlling advertisement for luxury goods and enlighten citizens about consumption food, clothing, energy and limited resources of water and electricity.

C. Emphasise the role of citizens in general and housewives in particular in rationalising consumption, as well as the role laws and regulations and their enforcement.

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### Subjects:

- The type of holidays I prefer, and why?
- The professional qualities I look for in Tourism personnel, and Why?

### The nature of the papers:

- The paper should not be more than 300 words, written in English, and should not identify a particular place or country but analyse the preference for certain forms of holiday.
- Participants should send the papers to the Ministry of Tourism, Marketing Department before May 1, 1980.
- The competition is open to all the citizens and the residents in Jordan.

### Prizes:

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities will award prizes for the winners in each category. The best entry will be given a one-week holiday at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Aqaba. The second-best entry will be given a three-day holiday in Aqaba, and the third-best entry will be given a valuable gift.

- The winners also will be given certificates of honour and medals.
- The best entry will participate in the International Competition sponsored by the World Tourism Organisation. An international panel will make a final selection of the five best papers for which the following prizes will be awarded:

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## Amman's roads ravaged by winter torrents

## Engineering studies pave way for road repair work

By Sara O'Neill

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 14 -- Driving round Amman these days requires more than the usual skills and alertness in avoiding reckless drivers and stray pedestrians: the winter's severe floods left in their wake such a proliferation of potholes and broken down service trenches that almost every journey has been turned into a tedious test in manoeuvrability.

Such tortuous rides may soon be a thing of the past, as intensive repair work to some 200 kilometres of the city's worst hit roads gets under way (that still leaves a further 100 kilometres of side streets to be attended to later on) following the awarding of a JD1.5million contract to three local contractors two weeks ago.

But the question still remains, how did so many roads get into such a bad condition given that most of them are relatively new, not more than a few years old, and what is Amman Municipality doing to ensure that such a breakdown in the city's network does not happen again?

It is not difficult to appreciate the complexity of the task now being faced by a team of engineers and assistants brought into the municipality by Mayor Isam

Ajlouni to help sort out the chaotic state of municipal services which have failed to keep abreast with the city's rapid growth in population and economic development.

In the case of Amman's road network, in recent years the municipality's limited resources -- both human and financial -- were channelled almost entirely into the building of new roads with little regard for the vital follow-up such building necessitates -- careful and constant maintenance.

Nor, in the rush to get new roads opened, was adequate attention paid to the standard of building -- both in terms of design and quality of materials -- with the result that they easily fell prey to damage inflicted by this winter's unprecedented floods.

In particular, the lack of an efficient stormwater drainage system exacerbated by the steep gradient of many of the city's roads allowed the torrential rains to cut up the road's surfaces and even in some cases penetrate the base. This also happened where service trenches dug across roads by various government agencies' contractors were not refilled and resurfaced properly.

Lack of quality control, insufficient coordination between the municipality and other agencies responsible for services and the

inadequate maintenance by the municipality's poorly equipped field crews are thus the major failing to be put right by the as yet still enthusiastic young men and women who have joined the municipality in the last two months. More than thirty engineers have so far been added to what was hitherto merely a skeletal technical staff, most of the newcomers having gained previous experience in the private sector. The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) which has also lost some of its staff to the municipality, will be assisting the engineers in supervision of the contractors work, as Dr. Izzeddin Katekha, director of the laboratories in the RSS Building Materials Research Centre (BMRC) explained recently to the Jordan Times.

Dr. Katekha, a civil engineer who has a doctorate in building materials, is an expert in asphalt mixes and his department together with technicians in the newly updated municipality laboratory will supervise quality control of the asphalt to be used in resurfacing the roads. Each of the contractors has to submit a design mix for such testing.

The failure of many of Amman's road surfaces, or asphalt mixes, has been caused by what is termed "bleeding" Dr. Katekha elaborated. Freezing

means dislodgement of aggregate particles from the road surface, thus creating holes in the road. This is caused by a high percentage of air pockets in the asphalt mix, low bitumen content and the presence of water.

Bitumen is the most expensive item in an asphalt mix, and by using too little bitumen the durability of the mix is reduced, especially in the presence of water. Bitumen is supplied by the local refinery in one grade only, but Dr. Katekha would like to see more than one grade being produced, harder than at present, to increase the stiffness of the asphalt mix.

Another important factor in asphalt mixes is the correct grading of aggregates to provide maximum interlock between particles and hence provide maximum stability and stiffness. The quality of aggregates supplied by the country's 256 quarries varies considerably, Dr. Katekha said. A joint team from the Natural Resources Authority and the RSS is currently collecting samples from all these quarries which will be graded and the results will be published. Any department or individual should consult the BMRC or NRA before choosing aggregates as different types are used in concrete and in road paving and surfacing, he explained. Failure in the road surface is

both easy to identify and remedy, as is another common fault which has obvious signs. A crescent-shaped crack in the road's surface means that slippage has occurred between the two asphalt layers put down when the road was first built, between the lower layer and the base of the road or between the upper layer and subsequent resurfacing. Lack of cleaning of the surface and lack of adhesive materials such as prime coats and tack coats are responsible.

Correct supervision of all work is the key to avoiding repetition of these mistakes, which in the worst cases have brought about a failure in the base of the road itself. One such example, obvious to any experienced engineer is the Ras Al Ain-Hai Nazzal road where water has seeped into the base through holes in the road and lack of a storm water drainage system.

Apart from holes where the surface of the road has broken down due to poor quality materials and lack of maintenance, improper compaction of backfill by contractors of service trenches and incorrect levelling of manholes have allowed water to seep through. Again a simple remedy is to ensure proper quality control.

In the case of trenches, proper choice of materials which resist excessive settlement and thus create channels in the road, proper compaction of these materials and

proper resurfacing are required. With manholes, correct levelling and compaction of materials around the holes would eliminate water accumulating in the dips and thus seeping through.

Once the cause of each of these problems in road failure is identified by municipality engineers who are currently touring the city with the contractors, an efficient plan for carrying out the repairs will be worked out. The answer in the future lies in regular maintenance. To this end the mayor recently announced the reorganisation of the municipality's maintenance crew whose activities were confined before to the centre of town. This central crew of 100 men has now been divided up into nine divisions, one for each of the city's zones. It is the job of the zone managers (new engineer recruits who took the places previously occupied by retired officers) to identify their area's priority maintenance needs.

The major parallel problem of introducing an efficient surface water drainage system in critical parts of town such as Ras Al Ain will be worked out at the same time. A separate contract will be awarded soon by the Amman Water and Sewerage Authority to install stormwater drainage in the most vital areas prior to resurfacing the roads.

## Princess Basma marries

N, April 14 (JNA) -- Her s Princess Basma was married to Mr. Walid Ismail at a special ceremony at the Zahran Palace in Amman.

The ceremony was presided over by His Majesty King Hussein. His Highness Prince Nayef, His Highness Crown Prince Faysal, the Prime Minister

## Hard sentences passed for bribery, forgery

N, April 14 (JT) -- The governor today endorsed a number of people convicted of either paying or accepting bribes.

Ismah Abdullah Dabbas, employee of the Ministry of Customs, was sentenced to three years imprisonment with hard labour and fined JD 300 each for bribing a government official to commit forgery and to smuggle. The fine was equal to the amount they paid the official.

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## Local News Briefs

AN, April 14 (JNA) -- His Majesty King Hussein yesterday visited the Fifth Royal Armoured Division. He met with its commanders, who briefed him on the nature and scope of training in the units. The King also watched troops in action and received training and instructions. He officially opened a new army camp constructed by the units, paying the King on his visits were the commander-in-chief of Jordanian armed forces, Lt-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and army commanders.

AN, April 14 (JNA) -- His Majesty King Hussein today sent a message of good wishes to North Korea's President Kim Il Sung on the anniversary of his birthday.

AN, April 14 (JT) -- Director of press and Publications Ahmad Issa issued a defence order today banning the import, display and circulation of all writings and literary works of the prominent Egyptian playwright Tawfiq Al Hakim and of Dr. Hussein Fawzi. Mr. Issa has for some time been engaged in a dialogue with other Arab figures, published in the Egyptian press, on the question of Arab identity.

AN, April 14 (JNA) -- A two-man U.N. team on a visit here to inspect conditions in Palestinian refugee camps today met with the director of Reconstruction and Development Omar Nabulsi. They discussed the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's intention to use its services to the refugees because of a deficit in its budget. Nabulsi expressed Jordan's concern that the agency's services be maintained at the existing level, and said the international community should shoulder its responsibility for the refugees. The team fact-finding mission in the region to gather information about the situation in the Arab states. It met yesterday with Minister of State Ibrahim al-Husseini to discuss the refugees' plight. The team will make a number of Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan.

FOR RENT AN, April 14 (JNA) -- Director of Tourism Michael Hamarneh for Madrid today to attend the meeting of the finance committee of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) which starts on April 15. After the three-day meeting, Mr. Hamarneh will attend a meeting of the WTO's executive committee. The two committees will discuss, among other things, the transfer of the WTO's regional office from Cairo to Amman.

AN, April 14 (JNA) -- A Soviet volleyball team arrived in Amman today for a six-day visit to Jordan. The team will play against the Jordanian volleyball teams and will visit archaeological sites in the country.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be rather cool and partly cloudy, with a probability of scattered rain, especially in the northern regions. Winds will be northerly moderate to fresh. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	low 6	high 14
Aqaba	13	26
Deserts	7	19
Jordan Valley	11	25

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	304.50/306.50
U.K. sterling	674.30/678.30
West German mark	163.80/164.80
Swiss franc	175.20/176.90
French franc	70.70/71.10
Italian lire	(for every 100) 35.20/35.40
Japanese yen	(for every 100) 120.80/121.50
Dutch guilder	149.20/150.10
Swedish crown	70.40/70.80
Belgian franc	101.70/102.30

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Jordan Lime and Silicate	JD 5,000	150	5,500	5,500	5,500
Brick Industries Co.	JD 1,000	440	1,420	1,420	1,420
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	750	1,500	1,480	1,480
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	3150	1,530	1,520	1,520
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	2919	2,250	2,240	2,240
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	50	15,500	15,500	15,500
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	1600	14,250	14,250	14,250
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	100	120,000	120,000	120,000
National Insurance Co.	JD 5,000	100	19,000	19,000	19,000
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	250	4,100	4,000	4,100
Dar Al Shari'ah	JD 1,000	2400	1,050	1,040	1,040
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	4399	3,300	3,280	3,300
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	100	1,010	1,010	1,010
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	50	1,240	1,240	1,240
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	2424	2,000	1,990	2,000
Mas for Blades Manufacture	JD 1,000	200	0,930	0,930	0,930
Jordan Cement Industries Co.	JD 10,000	231	19,250	19,200	19,200
Jordan Ceramic Industries Co.	JD 1,000	750	1,260	1,260	1,260
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	1000	0,880	0,880	0,880
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	1600	3,500	3,500	3,500
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	200	5,420	5,420	5,420
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	2008	9,700	9,700	9,700
National Steel Industry	JD 10,000	1180	15,000	14,850	15,000

Total Volume Traded on Monday, April 14, 1980: JD 124,724

Total number of shares traded: 26,050

## Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	High	Low
1982	JD 5,000	220	1104	5,020	5,020
1983	JD 5,000	849	4296	5,070	5,060
1988	JD 10,000	100	1006	10,060	10,060
1988	JD 10,000	300	3048	10,160	10,160
1989	JD 10,000	2311	23110	10,000	10,000

Total Volume Traded Monday, April 14, 1980: JD 32,564

Total number of bonds traded: 3,780

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# Economic News Briefs

## OPEC to increase aid to third world

COLOMBO, April 14 (R)—A special meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) next month will consider increasing the OPEC fund to aid third world countries, Sri Lankan Finance Minister Mr. Ronnie De Mel said today.

Mr. De Mel, who had talks with OPEC director-general Mr. Ibrahim Shihata in Colombo over the weekend, said the fund might be increased by a further \$5 billion to help developing countries seriously affected by recent oil price increases. The 13-nation organisation will hold a special meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia, on May 7 to discuss its long-term strategy.

Mr. De Mel said OPEC was also considering an alternate proposal by Algeria and Libya to set up an Arab organisation similar to the World Bank. Its initial capital would be about \$20 billion he said.

Dr. Shihata, in Sri Lanka on a brief official visit signed an agreement giving Sri Lanka an interest-free \$6.2 million loan for a rural electrification project which is also financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Mr. De Mel said.

Agreement was also reached with OPEC for another loan of \$12.5 million for a river basin project which is aided by the World Bank and several countries including Britain, Canada, West Germany, Sweden and Japan, he said.

The minister said OPEC loans were interest-free with a 20-year maturity and a five-year grace period.

## Kenya, Pakistan receive \$120m IDA credit

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—The International Development Association (IDA), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced today that Kenya will receive two credits totalling \$70 million.

The European Economic Community (EEC) is contributing \$15 million to the total credit, IDA said.

IDA said the credit will provide support for a programme of economic measures that the government of Kenya intends to carry out for improving its foreign trade and industrial structure. The programme and policies will aim at making the industrial sector more efficient and competitive, with particular emphasis on the promotion of exports.

Meanwhile, IDA also announced today the approval of a \$50 million credit to Pakistan for a highway project. The project will rehabilitate and improve up to 280 kilometres of national and provincial roads and provide road maintenance facilities.

## Japan will halt steel trade with Iran

TOKYO, April 14 (R)—Japan's steel trade with Iran is expected to stop after June following a private call by the Japanese government for restraint on new trade deals, industry sources said today.

Steel exporting company officials said they had been told by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) to give "special consideration" to fresh export contracts for steel products to Iran.

The cautionary directive came after the Japanese government, along with Western European countries, received requests from Washington to support United States diplomatic efforts and curb economic dealings with Iran because of the American hostage dilemma.

Industry sources said Japan had so far contracted to ship about 650,000 tonnes of steel products to Iran up to June, compared with 605,000 tonnes for the whole of 1979.

While no decision on future trade with Iran had been made by the companies, sources said the government request was likely to lead to a halt after June.

## Japan cuts rice exports

TOKYO, April 14 (AP)—US undersecretary for agriculture Dale Hathaway said that after three days of "very difficult discussions" Japan has agreed to put a ceiling on its much-criticised rice exports. US officials have charged Japan with disrupting world markets by selling its rice with government subsidies in violation of international trading agreements.

American sources close to the talks said Japan agreed to limit its rice exports to 1.6 million tons over the next four years. The sources, asking that they not be identified, said starting April 1 Japan will sell its rice overseas at prices comparable with those laid down by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

At talks earlier this week, Japan, faced with a growing stockpile of more than 7 million tons of rice, offered to reduce its sales to 2 million tons over four years, but US negotiators rejected the offer. Last year Japan sold an estimated 910,000 tons of subsidised rice overseas, which led the Rice Millers' Association of the U.S. to file a complaint under the 1974 trade act charging Japan with illegally disrupting markets.

Japan has been selling rice abroad at about \$240 a ton compared with \$1,120 a ton domestically. US millers charge around \$300 a ton or more depending on the quality of the grain. The reason the price of rice is kept artificially high in Japan stems from the postwar government programme to rescue the nation from near starvation by having high prices for rice production.

The programme succeeded beyond anyone's expectations. Yields jumped from 327 kilograms per 1,000 square metres in 1950 to 500 kilograms in 1978, while buying prices were pumped up by the politically powerful farm lobby to about \$1,200 a ton this year, five times international market rates.

As a result of the high prices Japanese consumers now are eating 30 per cent less rice than they were 16 years ago. Average individual consumption plunged from 150 kilograms a year before the war to 118 kilograms in 1978, the last year that statistics are available.

During the consultations, American officials proposed that the Japanese reduce rice prices to expand domestic table use, use rice as feed grain and distribute an unspecified amount to needy nations as food aid, the sources said.

They said US farmers and rice millers have suffered some \$250 million in damage as a result of increasing Japanese exports. American farmers also have lost out to Japanese competition.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, April 14 (R)—Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.2040/55	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.8060/09	Canadian dollar
	1.8690/8710	West German marks
	2.0520/40	Dutch guilders
	1.7430/45	Swiss francs
	30.10/15	Belgian francs
	4.3250/3300	French francs
	872.25/873.00	Italian lire
	251.30/50	Japanese yen
	4.3675/90	Swedish crowns
	5.0605/30	Norwegian crowns
One ounce of gold	522.00/526.00	U.S. dollars

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, April 14 (AP)—The prices of government bonds and general stocks rose in fairly active trading on the London stock exchange today then eased back toward the close.

Long-dated government bonds showed gains of 1 point while some shorts were 1/2 point up. Dealers said the rise was prompted by feelings that interest rates have peaked the current 17 per cent.

Most major equities gained, with some advancing 4 to 6 pence. Oils were mostly higher and banks modestly to sharply up.

Gold mines firmed despite an easing in the bullion price. The Financial Times index of 30 industrials closed at 438.2, up 2.6.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, APR. 15, 1980

# YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Come to the right decisions out the future and then start the wheels rolling in the right direction. Evening is fine for meditation.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Analyze your position lately and then take steps to improve it. Try to be less critical of others. Sidestep a troublemaker.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) You can accomplish a great deal today if you apply yourself. Getting together in an evening with congenials is fine.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) Take care of your routines early in the day so you will have time for your affairs later. Be logical.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 21) Obtain the data you need to start a new plan across. Be more active and accomplish more. Don't neglect civic work.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be sure not to invest more money than you can afford in a new project or you could regret it later. Strive for happiness.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Follow your intuitive promptings now and get excellent results. Show others that you are a very hospitable person.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Confer with associates to listen to their ideas so that there will be more mutual operation. Relax at home tonight.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Daytime hours are best for going after your most cherished goals. Don't let outside take advantage of you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Delve into new investments that could give you more income in the future. Avoid unnecessary expenditure of money.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Carry through with your plans instead of putting off duties for another day. Try to please your mate more.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Come to the aid of a friend who needs your help now. A wiser attitude toward love brings excellent results now.

## GOREN BRIDGE

CHARLES H. GOREN  
AND OMAR SHARIF

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As South, vulnerable, hold:

Q10952 ♦AJ6 ♦AK105  
bidding has proceeded:  
West North East  
2 ♦ Dble. Pass

What action do you take?

With a six-card major suit void in the opponent's suit, should "never" pass your partner's low-level penalty bid. This hand is the exception. Partner surely has spade trumps for his double, so it is possible that your side can make a game. Since you have a defensive value, you should pass. You should collect a small penalty, and you will be a 3-1 favorite to win rubber.

Both: vulnerable, as you hold:

Q1073 ♦AK ♦A94 ♦A87  
bidding has proceeded:  
West North East  
Pass 3 ♦ Pass

What action do you take?

Although partner's jump to 3♦ does not promise much, it is a very good hand. It is not reasonable to expect him to be the ace of spades and a queen (probably in a minor). He has as little as a queen of hearts on the side, slam he laydown. We would be out six spades.

Neither vulnerable, as you hold:

Q1073 ♦AK ♦A94 ♦A87  
bidding has proceeded:  
West North East  
Pass 3 ♦ Pass

What action do you take?

You are certainly not going to top short of a small slam, but you should investigate the possibilities of a grand slam. To that, initiate a cue-bidding sequence. Start by cue-bidding spades. This will warn partner that his ace of spades is not too useful, so he will be to sign off in three no trump or hearts. You can then cue your club ace, which will show partner to cue-bid hearts if he has the king. If he has that card, we must bid the grand slam.

As South, vulnerable, hold:

Q1073 ♦AK ♦A94 ♦A87  
bidding has proceeded:  
West North East  
Pass 3 ♦ Pass

What action do you take?

Opposite a partner who has a vulnerable overall, you have a very good hand. If our partner and spade holdings were reversed, we would try four hearts. However, with our actual hand, those three little spades

are a liability, so we would take the conservative course of bidding only three hearts. A doubleton facing a two-level overall is adequate trump support.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

QKQ4 ♦K8752 ♦AQ ♦J103  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
2 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Rarely are you faced with a problem that can be solved by simple arithmetic, but this one is easy. Partner has shown a balanced hand of 19-20 points. You have a balanced hand of 16 points. Together that gives your side 34-35 points—enough for a small slam but not enough for a grand. No bid other than six no trump could even come into consideration.

Q.6—Both: vulnerable, as South you hold:

QKQ4 ♦K8752 ♦AQ ♦J103  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
Pass 3 ♦ ?

What action do you take?

A.—There is no reason to suspect that someone is trying to steal from you. Your partner has already passed, and you have only the equivalent of an opening bid. To enter the auction with your hand, even in these inflationary times, would show a reckless disregard for your financial well-being—as well as your partner's.

Q.7—Both: vulnerable, as South you hold:

QKQ4 ♦K8752 ♦AQ ♦J103  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ ?

What action do you take?

A.—By now you are probably regretting your initial response. But it's again your turn and the one thing you cannot do is pass—partner's jump shift is an absolute force. A raise to four clubs would grossly misdescribe your hand. Take a preference to three hearts—at least you will end up in a ten-trick game rather than an eleven-trick one. On this auction, partner surely has at least five hearts.

Q.8—Both: vulnerable, as South you hold:

QKQ4 ♦K8752 ♦AQ ♦J103  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ ?

What action do you take?

A.—If the opponents are to be believed, your partner's hand must be a thing of beauty—perhaps one jack on a good day! The enemy has bid two of your three suits, so you can do nothing except await developments. Pass and hope that the opponents get overboard.

## JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

### West German football roundup

AMMAN, April 14 (JT) — West German soccer results for the last two weekends were as follows:

Hertha BSC Berlin 0, Hamburger SV 6  
Bayern Munchen 7, Werder Bremen 0  
Hertha BSC Berlin 1, 1. FC Koln 0  
MSV Duisburg 1, Eintr. Frankfurt 0  
Eintr. Braunschweig 0, VfB Stuttgart 2  
Bayer Leverkusen 0, Fort. Dusseldorf 0  
Schalke 04 2, Bor. Dortmund 2  
Hamburger SV 6, 1860 Munchen 1  
1. FC Kaiserslautern 4, VfL Bochum 1  
Bor. Monchen Gladbach 3, Bayer Uerdingen 2

### Baseball roundup

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — National League (NL) baseball saw three shutouts yesterday as rookie Charlie Liebrandt fired a five-hitter in the Cincinnati Reds' 5-0 triumph over the Atlanta Braves. Pete Falcone pitched six scoreless innings in the New York Mets' 5-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs, and Pirate Jim Rooker stopped the St. Louis Cardinals on five hits over 6 1-3 innings with a 3-0 win.

In the American League, Red Sox pitcher Bob Stanley helped down Milwaukee after two nightmarish games in which the Brewers scored 27 runs off the Sox.

"Nothing worries me now," said the Mets' Falcone, who said he found religion in the off-season. "I have no fear of fear itself or of failing in my career. This organization has shown a lot of faith in me and I intend to repay it."

"I'm ecstatic. Other than that, words don't describe how happy I am," said Liebrandt.

Rooker had confidence in his pitching, not his hitting, but both were instrumental yesterday. He slugged his seventh career homer, a two-run shot in the seventh inning, off a bad pitch.

Elsewhere in the NL, the Montreal Expos edged the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 in 10 innings. The Houston Astros downed the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-2, and the San Francisco Giants beat the San Diego Padres 3-1.

The Astros, with some of the best pitching in baseball, took three out of four from the Dodgers, losing only Saturday's 17-inning game. Ken Forsch, who pitched a no-hitter against Atlanta in his first start of the 1979 season, scattered seven hits in 7 2-3 innings. He also helped his cause with a two-run single.

Vida Blue of the Giants was sharp against the Padres, spacing four hits over seven innings. Gary Lavelle picked up the save. San Diego's Dave Winfield dropped a fly ball in right field that allowed the winning run to score. The victory was the giants' first of the season after three losses to the Padres.

The Expos also recorded their first victory on Ellis Vale's leadoff homer off Lerrin Lagrow in the 10th after the Phillies had tied the game on three runs in the ninth.

In the best team comeback of the American League, Red Sox pitcher Bob Stanley used sinkers and sliders to beat the Brewers 3-1 with an overpowering 4-hitter.

Pointed out Buck Rodgers, Milwaukee's acting manager: "He had a real good fastball today. He kept it coming in and he looked good." The lanky right-hander did his thing in raw Milwaukee weather, a point underscored by Rodgers.

Elsewhere in the American League, the Chicago White Sox defeated the Baltimore Orioles 5-2, the California Angels trimmed the Cleveland Indians 8-3, the Kansas City Royals edged the Detroit Tigers 3-2, the Oakland A's tripped the Minnesota Twins 4-1, the Seattle Mariners beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1 and the New York Yankees swept a doubleheader from the Texas Rangers, 4-4 and 8-2.

In the White Sox-Orioles games, Jim Morrison's tie-breaking sacrifice fly and a two-run by hot-hitting Lamar Johnson in the seventh inning paced Chicago over Baltimore.

Joe Rudi drove in three runs with a bases-loaded walk and a bases loaded single to lead California over Cleveland.

Willie Aikens, breaking an 0-for-13 slump, delivered a two-run single in the seventh inning to boost Kansas City over Detroit.

Mike Norris, a hard-luck right-hander, gave up only three hits and struck out 11 as Oakland beat Minnesota.

Bruce Bochte and Bill Stein each drove in two runs, powering Seattle over Toronto behind Floyd Bannister's eight-hitter.

Jim Spencer's grand slam home run in the fifth inning triggered New York over Texas in the first game of their doubleheader and gave rookie manager Dick Howser his first American League triumph.

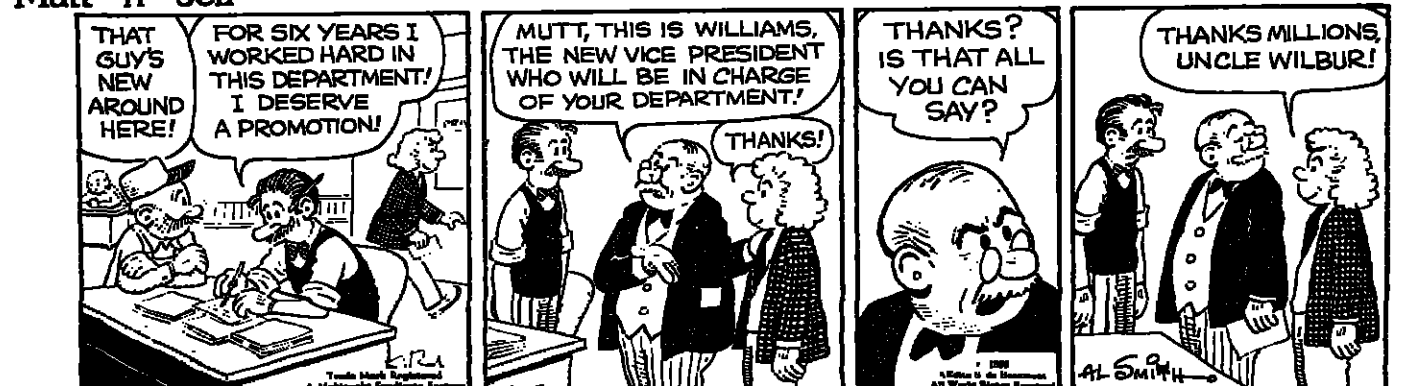
### Peanuts



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## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

### JORDAN TELEVISION

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6:00 Family Classics  
6:30 Little House  
7:30 Local programme  
8:00 News in Arabic  
8:30 Arabic series  
9:30 Wrestling  
10:45 Low grant

#### CHANNEL 6

6:30 French programme  
7:00 News in French  
7:30 News in Hebrew  
8:30 Comedy  
9:10 The Secret Army  
10:00 News in English  
10:10 Miss of the North  
10:45 Low grant

### RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on  
7:01 Morning Show  
7:30 News Bulletin  
7:40 Morning Show  
10:00 News Bulletin  
10:30 Oriental Foods  
11:00 Sign off  
12:30 Sign on and News Headlines  
12:43 Radiophonic  
13:00 News Summary  
13:03 Radiophonic  
14:00 News Bulletin  
14:10 Music  
14:30 The Song in France  
15:00 News Summary  
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12:30 Athens, Copenhagen  
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18:30 Beirut  
19:30 Damascus  
19:55 Damascus (KLM)  
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04:45 Financial News: Reflections  
05:00 News: 24 Hours  
05:30 Think of Number  
05:45 The World Today  
06:00 Newsday  
06:15 The World Today  
06:30 Financial News: Look Ahead  
06:45 National Notebook  
07:00 DJ Roundtable  
07:05 News: 24 Hours  
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10:00 DJ Roundtable  
10:30 Sports: International  
11:00 News: News about Britain  
11:15 Letter from London  
11:25 Scotland this week  
11:30 Brum of Britain  
12:00 Radio Newswatch  
12:15 The Mako Ensemble  
12:45 Sports: Round-up  
13:00 News: 24 Hours  
13:30 Network U.K.  
13:45 A Jolly Good Show  
14:30 Talkabout  
15:00 Radio Newswatch  
15:15 U.K. U.K.  
16:00 News: Commentary  
16:15 Pride of Place  
16:30 Graham Greene Short Stories  
16:45 The World Today  
17:00 News: Scotland this week  
17:15 30 Minutes Theatre  
17:45 Sports: Round-up  
18:00 News: News about Britain  
18:15 Radio Newswatch  
18:30 The Farming World  
19:00 Outlook: Stock Market Report  
19:45 Music from Scotland  
20:00 News: 24 Hours

#### 20:30 All Life's a Miracle

21:15 The Pleasure Years  
22:00 News: The World Today  
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22:50 Financial News: Reflections  
23:45 Sports: Round-up  
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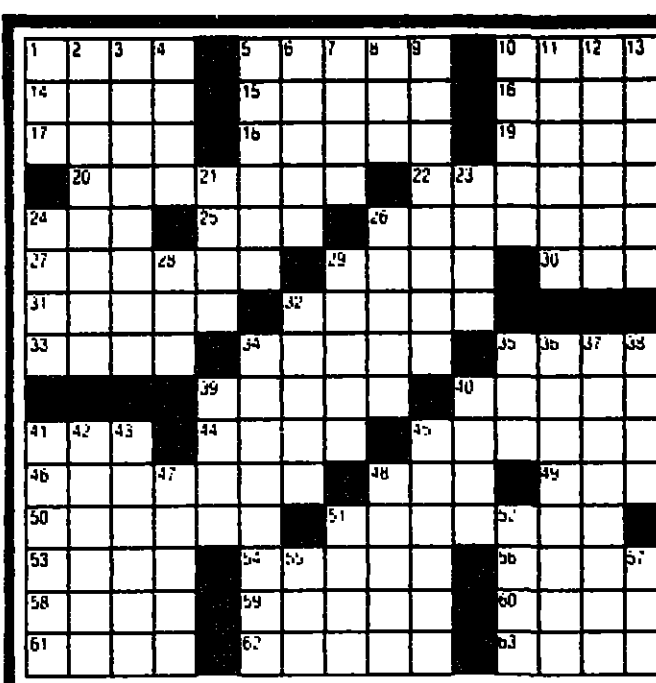
## THE Daily Crossword by Marion Moeser

ACROSS	25 Alphabet letter	44 "That — hay!"	11 A Freed
1 Medieval chest	26 Wane	45 Hoosgow	12 Safety zone
5 Silvery fish	27 Combined	46 Have coming	13 Disorders
10 Maneuver like a fish	29 Color	48 China's former leader	21 Baker's helper
14 Vault	30 Noises: abbr.	49 Mining item	23 Deed Sp.
15 River embankment	31 Caruso, for one	50 Antelope	24 Lost for words
16 Clear-thinking	32 Division of a poem	51 Sanction	26 Restaurant patron
17 Dad	33 Formerly, once	53 Seagoers	28 Tiny one
18 New York city	34 Walks back and forth	54 Short-spoken	29 Be silent, in music
19 Mishaps	35 Broad boat	56 Actual Steinbeck character	32 Aster
20 Hash marks	39 Oldtime newsman	59 Clear the blackboard	34 Military personnel
22 Maria or Charlie	40 Put to the test	60 Town in Nevada	35 Good show initials
24 Long-gone bird	41 Before	61 Soaks	36 Eagle wearers
		62 Talking one	37 Catch up to
		63 Cruising	38 Existed

### Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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ENTREE	OPERATOR
RASTER	SIEALER

DOWN	1 Jungfrau, for one	41 Blue-pencil person
2 Newsman Harry	42 Fix over	43 — de corps
3 Army men	45 Profession	46 Loosens
4 Armadillo	47 Billiard shot	51 King Kong's
5 Titled	downward	52 Plane
6 Crowd mixup	7 Holiday times	53 surface
8 Grassland	9 "— a Dance"	55 Time period
10 Hog fare		57 Mauna —



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## JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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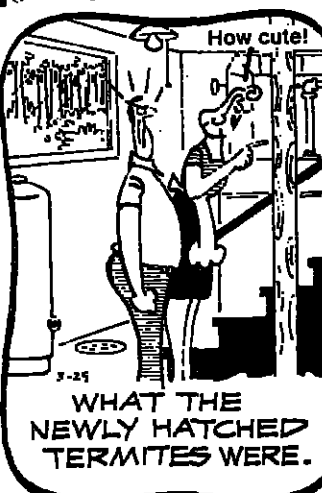
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Answer: MEWNO

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Yesterday's Jumbles KEYED CHALK ACCENT GROUCH

Answer: How does a couple go dancing Dutch treat?—CHECK TO CHECK



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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# Gandhi unharmed by assailant's knife attack

NEW DELHI, April 14 (R) — A 37-year-old long-haired man hurled a knife at Indian Premier Indira Gandhi today in an apparent attempt on her life, police said.

Mrs. Gandhi was walking to her car after attending a function at Parliament House when the assailant's knife attack took place. Police said the spring-blade knife was thrown from a distance of two metres but missed Mrs. Gandhi and hit a security officer on the shoulder without injuring him.

The man, named as Ram Bulchand Lalwani, was overpowered and taken to a police station where a charge of attempted murder was registered against him.

The incident took place after Mrs. Gandhi had attended a function commemorating the 89th anniversary of the birth of the late Harijan (Untouchable) leader, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

She told a large crowd that it was the duty of the government to protect the lives and property of Harijans and people belonging to weaker sections in society.

## Tito's doctors disclose serious liver condition

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, April 14 (AP) — President Tito's doctors admitted today that he had developed liver problems and that the condition was growing worse.

"The health condition of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito is very grave," said the doctors, whose public reports since last Thursday had denied any new declines.

"A damage of the liver, observed earlier, has recently shown an aggravation," said an official translation of today's brief advisory.

The word translated by the national news agency Tanjug as jaundice is also used for hepatitis, a liver inflammation which can lead to coma and death.

The 87-year-old president is also suffering from kidney failure, heart weakness, internal bleeding problems and pneumonia, for which he has been given a variety of antibiotics, at least one of them an experimental drug.

"Heavy application of antibiotics can cause hepatitis, a disease which in turn can cause weakness, fever, low blood pressure, bleeding problems, loss of consciousness and death."

Today's bulletin raised new doubts about the reliability of the official daily bulletins on Mr. Tito's health — the only information ever given to Yugoslavs about the condition of their elderly president.

It came after three previous advisories had specifically said there was no notable change in his condition. Despite the reference to a previous observation, no earlier advisory had ever mentioned an illness of the liver.

The bulletins, carried at midday each day by the state news agency

## E. African leaders' meeting expected to focus on Uganda

NAIROBI, April 14 (R) — Four East African leaders will hold a summit meeting today expected to concentrate on the problem of Uganda one year after the ousting of dictator Idi Amin.

Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi hosts the meeting at his state house at the Kenyan resort of Mombasa. With him will be President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, President Godfrey Binaisa of Uganda and President Jaafar Nimeiri of Sudan.

"Tanzania, Kenya and Sudan are all regionally concerned with Uganda and would like to see its problems solved," one diplomatic source said.

Uganda has a deeply troubled economy, a serious problem with law and order and increasing political tension following proposals to hold presidential and parliamentary elections at the end of this year.

Kenya is landlocked Uganda's lifeline to the sea, there are some 30,000 Ugandan refugees in south Sudan and Tanzania is in the process of withdrawing troops it left in Uganda to safeguard law and order after Amin's fall last April.

There was friction between Sudan and Uganda after the overthrow of Amin, with Kampala officials saying they feared an invasion by troops loyal to Amin who had fled to southern Sudan. The two states have now normalised relations and exchanged envoys, but Ugandan officials still express concern about bands of former Amin soldiers who sometimes penetrate northern Uganda from Sudan.

Last January, a meeting between the presidents of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in the northern Tanzanian town of Arusha broke up after just over an

Mrs. Gandhi, 62, had finished her speech and was making her way to her car when the attack took place. There was no immediate indication of any political or religious motive for the attack.

Police said they were still questioning the attacker and did not say when he would appear in court.

Mrs. Gandhi often worries her security officials by plunging into crowds without a cordon of agents around her.

Security is likely to be stepped up after today's incident, which could have political repercussions. In the first reaction to the incident, the president of Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party in neighbouring Haryana state, Mr. Dalbir Singh, said the attempt appeared to be "the handwork of some unscrupulous and undesirable elements."

### Drought emergency plan

Mrs. Gandhi has called for a 12-point emergency plan to prevent famine in seven states hit by a severe drought.

Mrs. Gandhi, who visited some of the worst hit areas in northern Uttar Pradesh state, said last week she was so shocked that she had ordered provision of drinking water put on a war footing.

Her plan for immediate action calls for strong measures against black marketeers, profiteers and hoarders, intensification of the food-for-work programme and the appointment of full-time relief officers to the districts most seriously affected by food scarcity and unemployment.

The plan also calls for the opening of a controlled-price shop for every 2,000 people and the setting up of feeding centres for children, nursing mothers, pregnant women and destitutes who cannot be employed.

The plan says drilling rigs should be mobilised on a war footing for boring and deepening wells in the most seriously affected areas.

The Statesman newspaper reported that 42,812 out of the 78,402 villages in northern Bihar state, one of India's poorest, had been affected and 30 million people there were short of food.

Scanty rain last year and the arrival of the monsoon two weeks late contributed to crop failures and famine conditions in Bihar and other hard-hit areas.

Despite crop failures in some regions, officials said the position of foodgrain stocks in the central pool was comfortable.

They said that on March 1, government stocks were 6.5 million tonnes of wheat and nine million tonnes of rice against a monthly requirement of 900,000 tonnes of wheat and 450,000 tonnes of rice for the public distribution system and the food-for-work programmes.

## Philippines grenade attack leaves 12 dead

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines, April 14 (AP) — Twelve persons died and more than 100 others were wounded when guerrillas hurled hand grenades into a crowd watching a fire in a southern Philippines city last night, the Philippines constabulary reported today.

The constabulary said the fire, which razed a block of houses and commercial establishments in downtown Pagadian city, 176 kilometres northeast of here and

800 kilometres southeast of Manila, appeared to have been deliberately set by Muslim insurgents.

Pagadian is the capital of Zamboanga del Sur province, one of about a dozen provinces where Muslim rebels have been fighting the martial law government of President Ferdinand Marcos for Muslim rule since October 1972.

In a report to his superiors in Zamboanga city, Zamboanga del Sur constabulary provincial commander Colonel Jose Alcoa said about half of the 107 persons injured were in serious condition.

He said the blast occurred at ten p.m. when a group of unidentified men lobbed grenades into the crowd. A third grenade exploded in Pagadian's Lumbya district near the fire scene, but Col. Alcoa said there were no casualties.

The Pagadian attack came only five weeks after similar attacks left 31 persons dead and more than 200 others wounded in Ozamis city, 56 kilometres northeast of Pagadian, and in Iligan city, 48 kilometres east of Ozamis.

All three towns are predominantly Christian and generally have been spared during almost eight years of fighting between government forces and rebels under the umbrella of the Moro National Liberation Front.

The front has been blamed for a series of grenade attacks this year that killed at least 58 persons and wounded more than 500 others in the southern Philippines.

### Bolivia army chief dismissed

LA PAZ, April 14 (R) — Bolivian President Lidia Gueiler and the military high command have bowed to the demands of a rebel garrison and dismissed General Ruben Rocha Patino as army commander, high level military sources said.

President Gueiler complied with the request of the powerful La Paz garrison and named General Luis Garcia Meza, commander of the capital's military academy, in his place. The sources said leading military officers had held a series of meetings without the president and Mrs. Gueiler subsequently accepted their recommendation to make the change.

After the rebel demand on Thursday, Mrs. Gueiler made an immediate tour of garrisons in the interior and issued a statement saying they all maintained adherence to her authority. But she said she would use her constitutional authority on what was essentially a military matter and decide for herself.

Mrs. Gueiler was named interim president after a military coup against the government of civilian President Walter Guevara Arce collapsed last November. Since then she has faced persistent rumours of plots to overthrow her government.

General Garcia Meza, 57, himself provoked an earlier crisis when he refused to accept her appointment of General Rene Villaroel as army chief. On that occasion Mrs. Gueiler also accepted rebel demands and appointed their nominee, General Rocha Patino, instead.

She will hand over power to an elected successor after general elections in June.



Indira Gandhi, target of apparent murder attempt (Gamma photo)

## Moscow raps U.S. Olympics decision

MOSCOW, April 14 (R) — The Soviet news agency Tass said yesterday that the U.S. National Olympic Committee's decision to boycott the Moscow games was taken under "unprecedented pressure and blackmail" from the White House.

The Soviet news agency's report placed the blame for the boycott entirely on President Carter, saying he had used American athletes as part of his re-election campaign. It quoted American athletes and officials opposed to the boycott decision, some of whom predicted that it would threaten the 1984 games in Los Angeles.

There was no comment from the organising committee in Moscow, but its vice-president, Mr. Vladimir Popov, speaking in

Budapest, called the decision regrettable, above all for the Americans themselves.

Mr. Popov's words summed up the publicly-stated attitude of the Soviet organisers — that the supporters of a boycott are harming themselves, not the Soviet Union. Foreign diplomats here who are closely monitoring Olympic preparations say there have been no signs that the organisers have been privately more alarmed by the prospect of an American boycott than they have publicly admitted.

Soviet officials are believed to have recognised many weeks ago that the U.S. team would not be coming, and there would thus be little purpose in trying to persuade the Americans to change their minds.

The Communist Party lead-

## Liberia to begin trials of officials

LONDON, April 14 (R) — The chairman of Liberia's True Whig Party, the dominant political force in the country until Saturday's coup, has been arrested and is in detention, according to a Liberian radio broadcast.

Radio Elwa, a missionary station, monitored in London by the British Broadcasting Corporation, gave no further details about the arrest of Mr. E. Reginald Townsend, who was also minister of state for presidential affairs in the ousted government.

Mr. Townsend was arrested as the new government, headed by Army Master Sergeant Samuel Doe, prepared to put officials of the former government of President William Tolbert on trial today.

Sergeant Doe, who was installed as head of state after the coup in which President Tolbert was shot dead, has said charges against the former officials would include high treason, rampant corruption of public office and gross violation of civil and human rights.

Radio Elwa said the trials would begin today before a six-man military tribunal.

Apart from Mr. Townsend, it is not known exactly who has been arrested although other members of the former government are believed to be among the detained.

Sergeant Doe named a mixed military-civilian cabinet yesterday. The cabinet of 15 includes five military officers.

At least four of its civilian members are among leaders of the

People's Progressive Party (PPP), jailed by the Tolbert government and released immediately after the coup.

Ironically, today was the day originally set for the indictment of the accused PPP members.

The PPP was banned last month and its leaders detained on treason charges after it had called for a general strike to bring down the government.

The 28-year-old Sergeant Doe said Saturday's coup was mounted to end corruption and ineffective government.

President Tolbert, 66, was shot three times in the head after rebels broke into his palace at one a.m., according to a palace doctor. His wife Victoria was arrested.

The coup in Liberia, a republic founded in 1847 by ex-slaves from the United States, came a year after food-price riots in which 49 people were officially said to have died.

Dr. Tolbert took office in 1971 and promised to introduce sweeping reforms. But divisions and inequalities remained between rich and poor, and between new settlers and the indigenous descendants of the freed American slaves who founded the republic and whose heirs have since dominated it.

In Washington, with which Liberia has traditionally had close ties, the State Department reported that the new leaders had said they wished to maintain friendly relations with the United States.

## An interview with China's 'super-realist'

By John Roderick

Peking—Still vigorous but overburdened with work at 75, China's super-realist, Mr. Deng Xiaoping, says he will resign his senior vice premiership to make way for "younger and more robust people."

But he will retain his vice-chairmanship of the Communist Party Central Committee, the well-spring of his extraordinary power.

He revealed this recently in an exclusive interview with the Associated Press in the Great Hall of the People.

Dressed in a sharply-pressed gray Mao suit instead of his customary white, Mr. Deng smoked continuously during the 70-minute interview. He looked healthy and fit but conceded that smoking was a habit he could not break.

Here are some of the questions

and answers from the interview. Mr. Deng: ...our new party constitution is going to get rid of lifetime appointments. There has been no formal decision yet, but the general idea is that regardless of the post, one may retain it for two terms or three terms. But that does not preclude the idea that under very special circumstances you may continue the term.

Q. You mean people with special ability like me and the vice premier. (laughter)

A. Well, I'm not qualified.

Q. How can I say I am then?

A. When I say special circumstances, I don't mean elderly people like myself but rather young people, say someone in his thirties with very exceptional abilities. After three terms he would be only around 50 and still capable. And of course this does not exclude the possibility that there will be some flexibility for older people with some very special requirements.

Q. What are your own personal plans regarding the vice premiership? Would you step down if the People's Congress approves?

A. I personally have this idea, but of course it can come into effect only after being approved.

Because people of my age should leave their posts open for younger and more robust people to do the job. But, of course, I will remain vice chairman of the party. But I could then decrease some of my day-to-day routine matters. And maybe I could live a few years longer.

Q. Would you say the leadership of the Communist Party more than ever now is a collective one?

A. Yes, we emphasise collective leadership. Because in view of our experience abroad as well as at home, we feel that we need collective leadership.

Q. As in Yenan, where you had violent disagreements but closed ranks after voting? (Yenan was the communist capital in the 1930s and 1940s, with headquarters in a cave.)

A. It was very good in those days in Yenan. That was collective leadership. But collective leadership does not exclude the special role of a certain particular principal leader. Chairman Mao was an example. He respected collective leadership very much. Of course, in later years there were some shortcomings.

Q. Would you say that your

## World News Briefs

ANKARA, April 14 (R) — Nine people died in Turkey over the weekend in political violence which has already claimed about 1,000 lives this year. Police said the worst incident was on Saturday when four gunmen armed with automatic rifles burst into a warehouse in Ankara and killed four men, including a father and his two sons in their twenties. The victims were rightwing sympathisers, the police said. In other incidents in Ankara, a 23-year-old man was shot dead by rightists and a rightwing agricultural student at Ankara University was shot dead by unknown gunmen. Authorities said two people died in separate political killings in Istanbul and one in the southern town of Adana. The violence has escalated throughout the country this year and is now claiming an average ten lives a day. Sixteen people died on one day last week, according to press reports.

ROME, April 14 (AP) — Despite massive international food aid, Kampuchea faces "the very real danger" of famine, officials of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation reported today. Major port congestion, poor road and rail networks, lack of security and technically qualified personnel "at practically every level compounded the problem of managing efficiently the food supplies," said Mr. Garson Vogel, executive-director of the World Food Programme, a U.N. agency coordinating the Kampuchean relief effort.

MOGADISHU, April 14 (R) — Somali Defence Minister Mohammad Ali Samatar denied yesterday that Somali regular troops had invaded eastern and southern Ethiopia. The official Ethiopia News Agency (ENA) said last week that the Ethiopian army had crushed a Somali regular army invasion force which had penetrated up to 80 kilometres into the country. Lieutenant-General Samatar told reporters that the allegation was baseless. He reaffirmed Somalia's support for guerrillas who are fighting against Ethiopian rule in the ethnically Somali Ogaden region of eastern Ethiopia, but said his country was not responsible for the armed struggle in the area. Ethiopia, backed by Cuba and the Soviet Union, defeated the Somali army in a war over the Ogaden which ended two years ago.

ANKARA, April 14 (R) — Iranian air force planes and helicopters violated Turkish airspace yesterday over the joint border near Van, in eastern Turkey, newspapers reported today. The papers quoted Van Provincial Governor Yurdagur Unal as saying six Iranian air force jets flew over the border into Turkey for less than a kilometre before turning back into Iranian territory. Later in the afternoon, three Iranian helicopters crossed the border and shelled a spot near a Turkish gendarmerie border patrol station, but there were no casualties. He said Governor Unal said he believed the violations were not deliberate. They might have resulted from a lack of communications in the Iranian territory close to the border, where government forces are reported to be fighting against Ethnic Kurdish groups, he was quoted as saying.

KATHMANDU, April 14 (R) — King Birendra of Nepal announced a general amnesty for political prisoners yesterday, less than three weeks before voters decide in a referendum whether political parties should be made legal or remain banned. Government sources said they did not know how many prisoners would be freed under the amnesty announced on Radio Nepal to mark the Nepalese New Year. But human rights activists estimated the number at between 200 and 350, including about 100 living in self-exile in India. Former prime minister Mr. B.P. Koirala said he was very happy that an amnesty had been announced. Mr. Koirala, a leading opposition figure in the Himalayan kingdom, faces treason and sedition charges but was released from jail in February 1978 on health grounds. Plans for the referendum, which takes place on May 2, were first announced last May after at least 23 people died in anti-government violence.

PARIS, April 14 (R) — Mrs. Lillian Carter, 81, mother of President Carter, arrived in Paris today for a five-day visit during which she will attend an international conference on working women. "Miss Lillian," as she is popularly called, will also give a news conference here before leaving on Friday for the Middle East where she is to visit Israel and Egypt.

## Cuban leaders in U.S. plan aid effort for thousands at embassy in Havana

MIAMI, April 14 (AP) — Miami Cuban leaders were planning to launch a flotilla of small boats from Key West today, carrying relief supplies for 10,800 would-be exiles at the Peruvian embassy in Havana.

In Key West, some 240 kilometres south, police reported 60 to 70 vessels had assembled and were planning to set course toward Cuba, 144 kilometres away.

Meanwhile, south Florida officials, already struggling to absorb a growing tide of refugees, worried about accommodating as many as 2,000 of the embassy refugees.

Exile leaders said the boats would not enter Cuba's 12-mile territorial waters, but would offer to transfer food and medical supplies to Cuban vessels at sea.

"There will be no weapons and there will be a white flag on every

boat. They can only tell us that we have to go back," said one leader.

Mr. Myles Frechette, head of Cuban affairs at the State Department in Washington, told the Miami Herald the venture could jeopardise efforts to evacuate the Cubans who fled to the embassy ten days ago. "They could complicate the international efforts which are now being made on behalf of the people in the Peruvian embassy."

Coast guard officials said they would not accompany the exile flotilla or make special rescue arrangements.

"We can't stop them from doing it," said Lt. Joseph Conroy. "We don't really recommend it because boats going that far... could break down, get lost or run out of fuel."

While Miami exiles were organising the flotilla, 14 Cubans landed in nearby Hollywood,

Florida aboard a six-metre boat. Immigration officials said the refugees, including ten children, were in good condition.

Officials of President Carter's administration have asked Congress for permission to accept 3,500 of the embassy refugees into the United States. They would be in addition to the 7,000 refugees from Cuba the U.S. already has agreed to resettle over the next six months.

If the pattern continues, more than 60 per cent of the Cuban exiles permitted to come to the United States eventually will live in south Florida. Refugees from Haiti, Nicaragua and Indochina have already helped swell Miami's population by 25,000 this year.

The first trickle of Cuban exiles arrived in 1959. It became a torrent when some 260,000 landed from 1966 to 1973.

instance, he said our relations with the United States are merely practical. That is absolutely wrong. We have always said it was a major strategic decision.

Q. You are not going to put him in jail for saying that are you? (laughter)

A. Of course we won't lock him up. But he just went haywire in giving his views on foreign policy.

Mr. Deng indicated that although Chinese now voice their opinions more than before, he is not entirely in agreement with party members who contradict party policy in public.

"I think this is a carryover from the bad habits of the cultural revolution," he said. "Then everyone could say whatever he pleased and talk as he pleased. We are for democracy and in the party we allow party members to express their views on anything they like, to express different views on policy even. But that is only within the party. When you are speaking in public you must do so in accordance with the party's established policies and principles."

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